As regards Manganese, there were 9 leases and 11 licenses current. The total output was 29,797·25 tons and the royalty recovered was Rs. 14,306-12-0.

The market for this mineral was dull and the Director is of opinion that it is necessary to give it the benefit of a reduced railway freight. He is requested to consider this suggestion in consultation with the Agent, Mysore Railways.

There were no fresh mining leases or prospecting licenses issued for chromite. The demand for the mineral was brisk and the output was 17,314·25 tons and the royalty recovered Rs. 11,944-9-10.

One prospecting license was taken out for copper for work on two old shafts near Swonhalli, in the Nanjangud Taluk. A report was issued by the Department on the results of prospecting work done in the Copper Mines at Ingladahal in the Chitaldrug District. The existence of copper ore has been proved and full information in regard to the deposit made available to persons interested in mining propositions.

For Magnesite.—There were four leases and one license current. The total output was 1,431 tons and the removal, 1,860·25 tons as against 2,373 and 2,018·5 tons respectively in the previous year.

Under *Kaolin*, there were four leases and one license current. The output was 2,563·4 tons and the whole quantity was removed, and the royalty paid was Rs. 2,103-7-0.

Departmental Mining.—Eight thousand tons of chromite mined by departmental agency at Byrapur were sold for Rs. 1,97,000, while at the Tallur Mines near Mysore 350 tons of ore were sold for a sum of Rs. 5,950. One hundred and fifty tons of Magnesite of good quality were also mined at Tallur, and the stock has found no sale yet.

Galena and Antimony Ores have been located near Chitaldrug and the prospecting work is in progress. The authorities of the Mysore Iron Works raised 21,460 tons of iron ore from the Kemmangudi hills and 1,291 tons of silicious iron ore from deposits near Tanigebyle during the calendar year 1928 for their works for Bhadravati.

Inspections.—Almost all the current Mining and Prospecting blocks other than those on the Kolar Gold Fields were inspected by the Officers of the Department during the year.

Geological Survey and History.—Mineral Prospecting and Mining Work claimed most of the attention of the Officers of the Department and the purely Scientific could not make much progress for want of staff. The Director is requested to report the arrangements necessary for more attention being paid to this work in future.

Conclusion.—The work of the Department during the year was satisfactory and Government desire to record their appreciation of it.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

Declaration statements made by Partnership Firms.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 7563-612—G. F. 237-17-1, dated the 10th June 1918, passing orders regarding the valid acquittance to be obtained for payments made to Partnership Firms on account of articles supplied to Government Departments and among other things, directing that in the case of partnership firms having frequent transactions, they should be asked to deposit with the disburser before receiving first payment, a declaration specifying the names of the partners and countersigned by the Government Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

2. Letter No. C. 68—29-30, dated 23rd May 1929, from the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies in Mysore, suggesting that, for reasons explained, the clause referred to in the Government Order read above may be suitably modified as indicated.

ORDER No. D. 5582-633—J. S. 28-28-2, DATED 29TH NOVEMBER 1929.

The Registrar points out that he is concerned only with companies registered under the "Mysore Companies Regulation" and Societies registered under the "Societies Registration Regulation" and has no particular facilities to ascertain the correctness or otherwise of the statements made in the declaration of partners by unregistered partnership concerns and produced before him for countersignature in consonance with the Government Order read above. He suggests, therefore, that such declarations might in future be required to be made and signed before a Magistrate or a Sub-Registrar, as that procedure would better impress on the minds of the declarers the necessity of making a true declaration. Government agree in this view, and are pleased, in modification of the instructions given in the Government Order of the 10th June 1918, to direct that such declarations in future be sworn to before a stipendiary Magistrate and attested by him under the seal of his Court, instead of being countersigned by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

Mysore Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 11438-44—San. 30-26-7, dated 10th April 1928, passing orders about the establishment of a Central Land Mortgage Bank at Bangalore and among other matters permitting the Bank to issue debentures up to twenty lakhs of rupees with the previous sanction of Government and guaranteeing interest on these debentures at a rate not exceeding 5 per cent.

2. Government Order No. G. 5927-8—L. M. 4-29-3, dated 11th November 1929, issuing Bye-laws for the working of the Mysore Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank.

3. Notification No. G. 5929—L. M. 4-29-4, dated 11th November 1929, issuing rules relating to the Land Mortgage Bank and Local Land Mortgage Societies.

4. Government Notification No. G. 6127—L. M. 12-29-2, dated 15th November 1929, constituting the first Board of Directors of the Land Mortgage Bank.

ORDER NO. G. 6941-4—L. M. 14-29-1, DATED 4TH DECEMBER 1929.

To facilitate the working and devolopment of the Land Mortgage Bank, Government are pleased to sanction the following further concessions:—

(1) Government will guarantee to debenture holders in the Land Mortgage Bank *the repayment of the principal amount* of the debenture bonds at Maturity, as well as payment of interest as it falls due, limited to 5 per cent per annum *free of income-tax*, this guarantee being restricted to debentures issued for the first ten lakhs of rupees only. Subsequent issues will be governed by the provision of para 5 of the Government Order of 10th April 1928 read above.

(2) Government will meet for the first year the entire working expenses of the Land Mortgage Bank which are estimated to amount to Rs. 15,000, and two-thirds of the working expenses (subject to a maximum of Rs. 10,000) for the second year.

The cost for the remaining part of the official year is estimated to be Rs. 7,500. A demand for an additional grant of this amount to the Budget of the Department of Co-operative Societies will be placed before the next session of the Legislative Council.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.